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Hathaway dines out with new actor beau

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Stelmach's Euro mission to cost \$67K

OIL Premier Ed Stelmach's controversial 10-day mission to sell crude from Alberta's oilsands to European political and business leaders will cost taxpayers over \$67,000.

The premier is under a lot of criticism about the trip since he will miss Monday's first ministers meeting to discuss the impact of the world financial crisis.

"As Alberta strives to increase economic relations with the European Union, it must clearly demonstrate a strong commitment to developing its energy resources in an environmentally responsible way," said Stelmach in a release.

"Both jurisdictions recognize that technology, such as carbon capture and storage, will play a critical role in meeting the world's clean energy demands."

Stelmach will meet business and political leaders, including the prime minister for the Netherlands, on his trip that begins tomorrow, while session will be on a one-week recess.

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Canadian Finals Rodeo Neck-and-neck match

Todd Maughan of Airdrie wrestles a steer last night at Rexall Place on the opening night of the Canadian Finals Rodeo. The rodeo runs until Sunday in conjunction with Farmfair at the AgriCom.

Liberals 'fumbled' campaign: Martin

INSIGHTS Former Prime Minister Paul Martin received thunderous applause last night as he shared his insights on the U.S. election and a variety of topics in a chat at the University of Alberta.

Martin recognized this election's emotional impact on our southern neighbours.

"I've got to say that yesterday was a significant — more than that, this was a deeply moving event. I believe that it is going to change not only the United States, but the way the world looks at things."

Martin and former Tory cabinet minister Jim Edwards enlightened a sold-out crowd at the Myer Horowitz Theatre on issues from the economy, to the turmoil in Africa, to the disappointing Liberal performance in the federal election.

"To be honest the party simply didn't pick up the ball. We fumbled the ball. The Conservatives had a lot more money to run their campaign on and Stéphane (Dion) was caught in that time warp."

The University of Alberta's Conversation Series with Canada's prime ministers will wrap up with Brian Mulroney and Stephen Harper at dates yet to be announced.

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Murder case on hold

Filmmaker sees court in three weeks after evidence disclosure

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A filmmaker accused of acting out a murder pulled from the pages of his recently penned psychological thriller will wait another three weeks before entering a courtroom.

That will allow authorities enough time to give defence lawyers for Mark Twitchell a "massive" amount of disclosure evidence, Crown prosecutor Avril Herron said yesterday.

Twitchell, 29, did not appear in court yesterday morning as scheduled, but

Stun gun shipped to St. Albert address

• Twitchell used the screen name "xpressdirector" online. On Aug. 29, someone using the same name had a stun gun shipped to a home in St. Albert.



was instead represented by a law student appearing on behalf of his lawyer, David Cunningham.

Police allege that Twitchell lured 39-year-old Johnny Altinger to a Mill Woods garage on Oct. 10, assuming the identity of a woman named "Jen" from an Internet dating site.

Instead of meeting a woman for a first date, po-

lice allege Altinger met the lead character in Twitchell's latest film, about a killer who lures a man to a garage, ties him to a chair, and chops him to pieces.

Though investigators have not found Altinger's remains, they claim to have enough forensic evidence to convict Twitchell of first-degree murder.

The amateur filmmaker

rented the garage for filming his latest production "House of Cards." Police recently seized the script.

Weeks before his arrest, Twitchell compared himself to the lead character of a television show about a serial killer. His Facebook status read: Mark has way too much in common with Dexter Morgan.

Police believe another man was chased from the garage by a man in a hockey mask two weeks before Altinger disappeared. On Sunday, the alleged victim came forward and was interviewed by police.

Twitchell will next appear in court on Nov. 26.

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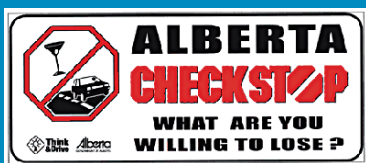
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Strathcona residents who are looking for social housing, volunteer opportunities and information on counseling can now dial 2-1-1 on their telephone anytime, day or night. The county launched the new service to Strathcona residents this week. Edmonton currently has a similar 2-1-1 service, launched in 2004. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



Annual crackdown

Police in Edmonton have begun their annual crackdown on drunk drivers as Checkstop season kicks off this week. Police say its first Checkstop over the weekend resulted in nine impaired driving charges and 12, 24-hour suspensions. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Jury to start deliberations in triple-murder trial

TRIAL A group of 12 men and women are faced with deciding whether or not Dwayne Nelson shot and killed three people, injuring three others, at a nightclub just over two years ago.

Court heard closing arguments in the triple-murder trial yesterday, in which Crown Prosecutor John Watson insisted Nelson admitted to the crime only because he was remorseful for accidentally killing his friend, 27-year-old Jacey Pinnock.

"I'm a good guy, I just didn't mean for it to happen that way," Nelson said in an interview with Det. Ernie Schreiber, who interviewed Nelson shortly after he was arrested at the International Airport, attempting to flee to Trinidad.

Watson alleges Nelson, trying to impress friends after a fight broke out, walked into the Red Light Lounge Oct. 29, 2006 around 2:30 a.m., and fired six shots into the crowd, killing three and injuring three others.

The gun was never recovered. Nelson told investigators he tossed it in a lake.

The jury is expected to start deliberations today.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Watch an interview with Colin Powell on his reaction to Barack Obama's victory at metronews.ca/uselection; and a report on what the win will mean for Alberta at metronews.ca/local

Read Jonathan Mann for analysis of the new face of America at metronews.ca/uselection

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Funding for housing support

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The province is hoping to help dozens of homeless people in Edmonton by spending \$757,000 to move them into a permanent and safe place to live, Housing Minister Yvonne Fritz said yesterday.

The provincial government said it would fund a new rapid exit shelter program through a partnership with the Homeward Trust,

Hope Mission and the Jasper Place Health and Wellness Centre.

Bruce Wreith, a director with Hope Mission, says the program will help repeat clients who choose to stay in shelters on a regular basis.

"If people want to be housed, then we want to do everything possible to work along side them," said Wreith.

"We will talk to the landlords, give them the finances to pay for rent to get

"They gave me a home and they interact with you and they ask you if you need help."

Charles Guick

them settled in. But we won't just leave them housed, we will continue to be a support."

Wreith says staff at Hope Mission hopes to help 80 clients who "call the shelter home at a regular basis."

"This has made me live again," said 42-year-old

client Charles Guick who has lived in the streets since the early 1990s in Edmonton.

Guick now has a place to call home through the new program.

"They gave me a home and they interact with you and they ask you if you

need help," said Guick.

Fritz says there are 11,000 homeless people living in Alberta streets and the program is another important step in ending homelessness across the province.

"Whatever their need is, there will be client support for them to assist them in overcoming whatever it is that is causing their homelessness," said Fritz.

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Governments need to bond with Obama: Panel

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Alberta's government must form relationships with Barack Obama's new government quickly before its economy gets hammered by American protectionism, say experts during a panel discussion on how Tuesday's presidential election will affect Canada and Alberta.

With threats during Obama's presidential campaign to re-negotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement — along with plans to tighten up on Canadian exports through country-of-origin labelling — panelists at the University of Alberta yesterday say politicians north of the border should be concerned about the future of its American-dependent

economy.

And with how bad the financial picture is in the U.S., one former politician says Alberta's and Canada's trade agreements south of the border could be strained.

"They have to build on these relationships and it's going to be a huge challenge," said Jim Horsman, Alberta's former deputy premier.

Helmut Mach, an economics professor who specializes in U.S. trade, says Alberta's oil sands sector, however, will still be safe since it is readily available — something that has been noticed by American democrats.

"(Americans) can't afford to turn that tap off, but that's not to say there are going to be a lot of pressures on Alberta," said Mach.

World of Science Secret ingredient cooks up lesson



Justin McMain, a teacher from Highlands junior high, leads his team past excited students to begin their lesson for the Iron Science competition at the Telus World of Science yesterday. Like the famous Iron Chef television series, four teams of teachers were chosen to present their most creative science lessons based on a secret ingredient.

Stelmach has energy message for new president

ENERGY Premier Ed Stelmach yesterday congratulated president-elect Barack Obama on his victory in the United States election.

In a statement, Stelmach said Alberta will continue

to stress the message that the province is a secure and stable supplier of energy, which he said is developed in an environmentally responsible manner.

"We are ideally posi-

tioned to serve the energy needs of the United States, and we look forward to continuing a partnership that is mutually beneficial," Stelmach said.

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A few votes away from a diamond engagement ring

An Edmonton couple is in the running with four American couples in a race to win a 2.5-carat diamond engagement ring. Venessa and David Backman made it to the finals in Spawee Media's diamond giveaway contest. To help Venessa and David, visit <https://spawee.org/content/bridal/giveaway> and vote for them. **METRO EDMONTON**



Cst. Steven Young, Strathcona community liaison officer stands in front of illegal graffiti near the Old Strathcona Farmers Market.



Sharon Chapman, City of Edmonton's Graffiti Project manager, stands with a sanctioned mural on the North side of the Old Strathcona Farmers Market. The piece was painted to deter illegal graffiti.

City winning graffiti fight, say officials

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City officials feel that they're winning the fight against graffiti, thanks to the help of a few extra sets of eyes lurking in the shadows.

The Community Police Radio Network (CPRN) has been assisting the police and Capital City Cleanup, and feel that this year has been the most successful for busting taggers in the Whyte Ave area.

"It's the little petty stuff like this that affects everybody, and it's the little stuff that police don't have a lot of time to apply resources to," said CPRN volunteer Graham Yeske.

The group consists of about 60 volunteers that give of their time, and

stake out in graffiti hot spots, waiting to catch taggers in the act.

At any given time, every night, five to seven ghost cars have an eye out.

Since the Capital City Cleanup graffiti initiative dropped cleanup responsibility on the laps of property owners, the response has been largely positive.

"It's the little petty stuff like this that affects everybody, and it's the little stuff that police don't have a lot of time to apply resources to"

Graham Yeske

Of the 725 orders issued by the city to remove graffiti, only 14 \$250 tickets were issued for non-compliance.

Of those, nine property owners have refused to clean up or pay.

"I don't think there's one solution to this problem, I think it's a combined effort that'll be helped by stepping up enforcement," said city graffiti project spokeswoman Sharon Chapman.

The fine for tagging is mischief under \$5,000.

Police dog nabs suspect after store clerk robbed

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POLICE A police dog earned his dinner Monday afternoon, after it chased an armed robber through a ravine.

Around 2 p.m., a teenager armed with a gun walked into a convenience store on 111 Street and 19 Avenue, and demanded

cash. Once the clerk gave the gun-wielding youth what he wanted, the robber fled on foot toward the Blackmud Creek ravine.

Police with a canine unit were dispatched and chased the teen, who ran over a beaver dam, and out of the ravine into the Twin Brooks subdivision, where he was caught by the dog.

A 17-year-old boy is facing a number of charges.

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the Bay

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The mother of five-year-old Phoenix Sinclair and the mother's boyfriend abused the girl before killing her, covering up the death and applying for child welfare in the girl's name, Crown attorney Rick Saul told a Winnipeg court yesterday. Samantha Kematch and Karl MacKay have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Poppy options grow

Poppy stickers, introduced last year by the Royal Canadian Legion as an alternative to the traditional lapel pin in the lead up to Remembrance Day, are catching on with the elderly, the young and food service workers. The stickers, the Legion says, are not meant to replace the pin, just to provide an alternative.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

NAFTA likely OK: Day

TRADE Canada believes the new U.S. administration will appreciate the "very positive" benefits of the North American Free Trade Agreement and will want it to continue despite President-elect Barack Obama's concerns about the pact, Trade Minister Stockwell Day said yesterday.

During the election campaign, Obama said he wanted to work with Canada and Mexico to strengthen NAFTA's labor and environmental protections.

His comments prompted fears that he might be seeking major changes to an agreement that has

benefited Canada, which sends 75 per cent of its exports to the United States and is the largest supplier of energy.

"Millions of Americans' jobs depend on the trade that they have with us."

Stockwell Day

"I believe the incoming administration will have an appreciation for the very positive effects of NAFTA on both countries. Millions of Americans' jobs depend on the trade that they have with us," Day told Reuters in an interview.

"In a time of economic uncertainty globally, I believe the new administration will be sensitive to the fact that they don't want to hurt their own people."

REUTERS

Quebec election called

The Liberal premier of Quebec yesterday called an election for Dec. 8, which looks set to deal a fresh blow to separatists seeking independence for the predominantly French-speaking province.

Jean Charest, whose party only controls a fragile minority of seats in the provincial parliament, says he needs a strong hand to deal with the financial slowdown that is hurting the province of 7.5 million.

Charest won a majority in the 2003 election, but barely hung on to power in the next election in March 2007.

Polls show the Liberals are likely to make major gains at the expense of the right-leaning Action démocratique du Québec and will



Quebec Premier Jean Charest smiles with his wife Michele Dionne after calling a provincial election in Quebec City, yesterday. Quebecers will vote on December 8.

also take seats from the separatist Parti Québécois.

Charest said neither opposition party was interested in working with the Lib-

erals.

"Quebecers know very well that a minority government is an unstable government. Quebecers also

know that you can't have three pairs of hands on the rudder during a storm," he told a televised news conference.

REUTERS

Canada reluctant to overhaul capitalism, senior official says

ECONOMY The Canadian government staked out an approach to the international financial crisis yesterday that is less sweeping than the complete overhaul of capitalism advocated by several European leaders.

A senior Canadian finance official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed the need for regulation to start at home, balanced by international coordination, review and peer pressure.

The official, briefing reporters ahead of talks being held by G20 finance ministers in Brazil on Saturday, displayed the same sort of circumspection that U.S. officials have shown on the question of a big revamp of the financial system, and spoke of the need to be pragmatic.

Canada continues to believe that open markets and competition have unleashed

issues

Some issues Jim Flaherty will reportedly address with G20 colleagues this week:

- All pools of capital should come under the regulatory umbrella.
- Regulation should look at the system as a whole and not institution by institution.
- Executive compensation should be aligned with long-term stability objectives.

tremendous growth around the world, so that while more regulation is needed to prevent another crisis, free enterprise should not be stifled, the official said.

Each country's review of its own regulatory system should be public and the country should stand up to international surveillance and answer for any gaps others may find in it, the official said.

REUTERS

News in brief

ONTARIO A body found north-east of Barrie, Ont., is believed to be that of Brandon Crisp. The 15-year-old ran away from home on Oct. 13 after his parents took his Xbox. There had been a \$50,000 reward for information on his whereabouts.

AFGHANISTAN Barack Obama has pledged to send more troops to Afghanistan, but his election won't change Canada's

decision to pull out of that country by 2011 Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon says, CBC News Online reports.

ACQUITTED A Markham, Ont., couple charged with faking university degrees and government documents was acquitted yesterday after a judge ruled police violated their rights by entering their house without a warrant.

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Argentine cow clones may help boost milk output

Argentine scientists have found a way to make cows produce more milk by injecting them with a bovine growth hormone produced by cloned and genetically modified dairy cows. **REUTERS**

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World



Finland rates Little House adults-only

Finland has rated the DVD release of the much-loved children's television series Little House on the Prairie suitable for adult viewing only. Finnish authorities charge two euros per minute for assessing the correct age limit on films and television series. To save money, Universal Pictures decided not to submit the series for state inspection, the company's Finland marketing manager said yesterday, hence the adult rating.

REUTERS

Americans joyous, worried after election

Americans woke with joy, cautious optimism and frank worry yesterday after the historic win by Democrat Barack Obama, who went from long shot to president-elect on the promise of change.

Just hours after Obama's victory speech to thousands of cheering supporters in Chicago, ordinary Americans headed to work

clutching coffees and carrying newspapers that proclaimed Obama's place in history as the first black U.S. president.

"I'm excited. It's a huge step in the right direction," nurse Kim Andrews said as she headed to her hospital job in Cincinnati's dawn.

Obama rode a wave of voter discontent to triumph over Republican

Key U.S. ballot initiatives

- California, Florida and Arizona voted in Tuesday's elections to ban same-sex marriage.
- South Dakota and Colorado rejected limits on abortion.
- Michigan voted to allow the medical use of marijuana.

John McCain, while his fellow Democrats won increased majorities in Congress, as Americans emphatically rejected Repub-

lican president George W. Bush's eight years in office.

Andrews, 23, said she cried as she watched Obama's victory on television

late Tuesday night, amazed that America had taken such a great step in its long and troubled racial history.

Detroit media publisher Brian Boyle was equally thrilled.

"I feel much better about the world today than I did yesterday," said Boyle, 43.

But some Republicans expressed disappointment with Obama's win, and re-

mained worried about the changes he may bring.

"My biggest concern is that we're going to pull out of Iraq too quickly, and pay more taxes," said Patti Sutton, a Scottsdale, Arizona, coffee shop worker.

Some voters also worried Obama's win could stir up racist resentment, possibly even threatening his safety.

REUTERS

Russia sets tough tone with new Obama White House

POLITICS Russian President Dmitry Medvedev voiced hope yesterday for better relations with the new U.S. president, but also presented him with a headache by vowing retaliation for a U.S. missile defence plan.

Washington's relations with Moscow plunged to a post-Cold War low during George W. Bush's presidency, and many in Russia have been cautiously hopeful for an improvement under Barack Obama, who they believe will take a fresh approach.

"We hope that our partners — the new U.S. administration — will make a choice in favour of fully-fledged relations with Rus-

"We hope that our partners — the new U.S. administration — will make a choice in favour of fully-fledged relations with Russia."

Dmitry Medvedev

sia," Medvedev said.

Medvedev also attacked the U.S. plan to station parts of its missile defence system in Europe, and said Moscow would respond by deploying missile systems in its western outpost of Kaliningrad.

REUTERS

What's next for Sarah Palin?

FUTURE Love her or hate her, Sarah Palin was a phenomenon as the Republican vice-presidential running mate to John McCain, and the question for the self-styled moose-hunting hockey mom is: What now?

There has been speculation that Palin, plucked from obscurity and thrust on to the national stage to mixed reviews, may run against Democrat Barack Obama in 2012, though she has been publicly cool to talk that she may have caught the presidential bug.

Palin, 44, energized the

"She clearly has a future in national politics."

Scott Reed

Republican base, but many said she was too inexperienced to be a heartbeat away from the presidency.

"She clearly has a future in national politics," said Republican strategist Scott Reed. "Palin needs to take some time back in Alaska and regroup with her day job. There's plenty of time to plot and scheme after the Christmas holidays."

REUTERS

News in brief

SCIENCE A company-sponsored test of Procter & Gamble's Intrinsic testosterone patches for women published yesterday found that a high dose of the male hormone gives postmenopausal women a "modest but meaningful" boost in

their sex lives after a year.

VIOLENCE Hamas fired dozens of rockets at Israel yesterday after Israeli forces killed six Palestinian militants in an eruption of violence.

REUTERS

Hanoi Vietnam facing worst rains in over 20 years



A man carries his girlfriend on his shoulders along a flooded street in Hanoi. Vietnamese authorities warned of more flash floods in the north of the country on Saturday and Sunday as the death toll from a week of heavy rains and floods rose to 20, the government said. Streets in Hanoi remained submerged in up to one metre of water after torrential rains, described as the heaviest since 1984.

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Dems near 60-seat Senate majority

POLITICS With the results of three U.S. Senate races still to be determined from Tuesday's election, Democrats have now gained six seats to raise their majority in the 100-member Senate to 57.

If the remaining spots all go to Democrats, they would end up, for the first time in three decades, with the 60 Senate seats needed to pass legislation even in the face of Republican procedural hurdles.

"Democrats would have to run the table, but they still have a slim shot at doing it," said Jennifer Duffy, who tracks Senate races for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report.

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White House of horrors

Will Obama overcome the monster list of challenges?

Home&Abroad

Andrew Cohen



Canada & world insight

Halloween has come and gone, but according to Newsweek, the venerable weekly magazine, there are horrors aplenty awaiting the unflappable Barack Obama on his first day in the White House.

"Nightmare on Pennsylvania Avenue," screams its headline over a dark, forbidding cover. "Scary challenges facing the new president..."

Inside, the sadistic editors offer a mirthless primer on the huge challenges facing the country's new president. The list is sobering. Frightening, really.

Although his campaign rhetoric was never pessimistic ... Mr. Obama knew the dangers. Indeed, he signalled the magnitude of the challenge in his lyrical victory speech Tuesday night.

It is hard to know when a president has inherited a malaise worse than what Obama will face on January 20, 2009. On that day, he will stand on the steps of the United States Capitol, take the oath of office, and claim the prize that he has pursued with such single-mindedness for the last 21 feverish months.

While he is the most level-headed of people, a model of equanimity, Mr. Obama may permit himself a moment of pause, doubt, or even buyer's regret. He might also ask a few honest questions.

Is this presidency not a diminished prize? A poisoned chalice? Do I really want this?

Am I not being set up to fail, a placeholder for a triumphant Republican in 2012?

Perhaps, but unlikely. And although his campaign rhetoric was never pessimistic — dour folks are not elected in America and dour presidents (like Jimmy Carter) are not re-elected — Mr. Obama knew the dangers. Indeed, he signalled the magnitude of the challenge in his lyrical victory speech Tuesday night.

At home, the economy is in its worst crisis since the Great Depression. The markets are still falling. Americans are still losing their jobs and their homes.

Most telling, they have lost confidence in their fi-

nancial system. The deficit could reach US\$1 trillion next year and the national debt \$10 trillion.

Abroad, America is fighting in Iraq, where things are improving, and in Afghanistan, where they are not. Oil isn't US\$150 a barrel anymore, but nor is it the \$23 a barrel it was when George W. Bush took office in 2001.

The war on terrorism continues. The world gets warmer. Peace in the Middle East remains elusive. Iran and North Korea rattle their nuclear sabers. Russia is dangerously expansionist.

And yet, in adversity, opportunity. The best presidents — such as Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt — arrived in times of crisis and succeeded brilliantly.

For President Obama, that should be of some comfort in January.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of *Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson*.

After metro



MICHAEL DE ADER

Letters

André Hamel, CALGARY

Re: "No quick fix for violence," Nov. 3.

I do agree that there isn't an easy quick fix for the recent violence issues in this country. We do need to make prevention a higher priority.

Case in point, the (ineffective) gun registry that was supposed to make Canadian streets safer, but as Christine Williams points out, criminals normally ignore laws and regulations, making them ineffective in prevention. Canada already had plenty of laws and regulations to make firearm ownership,

storage and transport safe. Besides, all the laws in the world are useless without enforcement.

We as a Canadian people need to make our politicians accountable and insist on less bureaucracy and more money invested in sustainable infrastructure to help those who need it.

We need to make it easier for those stuck in the cycles of poverty and crime to pull themselves out of their situations. We need to make crime less profitable, offer more acceptable alternatives and encourage education as a solution.

Views

Obama's election brings thrill of hope

By KENYA HUNT

What does having a black president mean to me? After a year of combing through Barack Obama and John McCain's plans for change and finally casting my vote, I reached a point this week when I had to confront the reality of race.

My earliest memory of race took place when I was five years old in my mostly white kindergarten class in Virginia.

It was lunchtime and I offered up my Fruit Roll-up in exchange for my best friend's cookie as part of our daily snack swap ritual. "My mom told me I'm not allowed to swap snacks with you because you're black," she told me.

"But I'm not black, I'm brown," I replied.

Later that day, my parents, who grew up during the days of segregation, explained to me the meaning of discrimination and how



Kenya Hunt

to rise above it.

The second memory took place a year later, when a kid in my neighbourhood called me the "N" word. I responded by knocking him down with a punch (not exactly what my parents meant by rising above racism, mind you). It was the first and only physical fight I've ever engaged in.

During my days in high school when one over-achieving friend or another boasted aspirations of

being the first black president, he or she would inevitably be greeted with a 'Negro please, that would never happen' from classmates.

These experiences helped shape me and my perception of my home state and country.

So, when the realization set in last night that not only will America have its first black president, but that my home state, the former capital of the pro-slavery Confederacy and a place that outlawed interracial marriage as recently as 1967, would play a pivotal role in the election, my racialized cynicism softened and I began to believe that it was possible for Americans to evolve beyond our divided past.

This happens in the same year that Lewis Hamilton became the first black Formula One champion, Tiger Woods won his 14th U.S. Open championship and the fashion

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world opened up its overwhelmingly white runways to black models. The climate of change is palpable across the world.

I'm not naive enough to believe that Obama will perform miracles or that his win will mean that we'll all hold hands and live as a harmonious unit. But I do believe we're that much closer to a day when we can accept and embrace one another's racial differences for what they are. And that hope is thrilling.

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Talk of Microsoft takeover of Yahoo false, source says

Rumours that Microsoft Corp. is in advanced talks to buy Yahoo Inc. are not true, sources briefed by the companies said yesterday after a report surfaced that CEO Jerry Yang was leaving Yahoo, and that the company was in late-stage talks for a total sale. **REUTERS**

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Business

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The Brick faces cold Christmas

In another sign consumer confidence is weakening, one of Canada's largest furniture, mattress and consumer electronics retailers has slashed its monthly distributions to unit holders to preserve cash.

The Brick Income Fund, which owns the Brick retail chain, also said it plans to run more aggressive sales promotions this holiday season to win back sales.

And fears that next year will be much worse have prompted the value-oriented retailer to delay some planned store openings.

"The biggest issue for 2009 that all retailers face is the uncertainty," the Brick's president and chief executive officer Kim Yost

Third quarter

- In its third quarter, the fund's sales grew 1.5 per cent to \$380 million, while net profit fell 28 per cent to \$12.4 million, or 23 cents per share.

told analysts on a conference call yesterday, referring to the looming impact on Canada of the credit crunch and global economic slowdown.

The retailer surprised the market by announcing it would cut its monthly distribution to five cents per unit from 10 cents as it faces "increasingly challenging economic conditions" and an even tougher first half next year.

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Dubai **Royal to invest in bank**



A woman walks past a Barclays logo in a Barclays Bank branch in Dubai yesterday. Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, a member of Abu Dhabi's royal family, is to invest up to 3.5 billion pounds (\$5.6 billion) in Barclays Plc.

Cellphone ban a boon for makers of wireless gadgets

TECHNOLOGY News reports last week confirmed the Ontario government is about to outlaw behind-the-wheel cellphone use, but it could boost the use of other hands-free gadgets to get around the law.

Wireless devices that harness your cell signal and invisibly transfer it into a speakerphone or transmit it into a hands-free earpiece are now legal loopholes for tech-demanding drivers.

Popular choices include

Exception

- Cellphones with earpieces will not be affected by the legislation, even though they are said to be just as distracting to drivers as hand-held devices.

Bluetooth devices that clip to your car's visor or plug into your cigarette lighter to turn your car into a speakerphone, as well as a bevy of headsets.

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Business in brief

MEDIA Canadian newspapers have avoided U.S.-style waves of layoffs and major restructurings, but signs of a downturn are starting to show. Corporations are pulling back on tele-

vision and newspaper advertising, and as a result, already flat revenues are likely to begin declining, especially at newspapers in the competitive Toronto market.

MARKETS U.S. stocks plummeted yesterday, a day after Barack Obama's historic victory, as a fresh batch of dismal economic data underscored the challenges awaiting his ad-

ministration. The Dow slid 486.01, or 5.05 per cent, to 9,139.27 as reports showed deep cuts in private employment and the shrinking of the services sector. **REUTERS**



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Obama may boost Chicago bid

Barack Obama's election as U.S. president could prove crucial in another campaign — the race for the 2016 Olympics and the bid of his hometown of Chicago. Bid leader Patrick Ryan is counting on Obama, schedule permitting, to attend a meeting in Denmark to speak on behalf of the bid. That would be a first for a U.S. president.



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Comeback for naught in Columbus

NHL RESULT

Oilers 4 Blue Jackets 5



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THE SKINNY: It was a roller-coaster ride at Nationwide Arena as the Oilers fell behind 2-0, then roared back with four straight goals for a 4-2 lead before the Blue Jackets responded with three straight in the final 16:10 of the game to win it.

THE QUOTE: “We gave up two points,” said Sheldon Souray. “We battled back from down two to up two. To lose our composure and start doing things that have lost us games in the past, is a hard lesson to learn.”

THE BIG PLAY: Having pulled even on goals by R.J. Umberger and Fredrik Modin 56 seconds apart, Columbus got the winner with 1:09 to play when Manny Malhotra picked the rebound of a Raffi Torres shot out of the air and swatted it behind Dwayne Roloson.

TAKE THAT: Torres didn't play favourites in his first game against his former teammates. He got started by knocking Ladislav Smid goofy with a forearm to the jaw in the first period before setting up Malhotra's winner with his second assist of the game.

SLUMP BUSTERS: The Oilers 30th-ranked penalty killing came into play as the Blue Jackets 26th-ranked power play got the 1-0 goal from Kristian Huselius. Columbus was on a 2-for-32 PP struggle before that goal.



Blue Jackets centre Manny Malhotra scores a goal as Dwayne Roloson falls in the third period.

OLD FRIENDS: Steve Mason, drafted 69th by Columbus in 2006 and making his first NHL

start, and Sam Gagner of the Oilers were teammates with the London Knights in 2006-07.

THE NEXT GAME: The Oilers make the fifth stop of their seven-game road trip in Pittsburgh tonight.

TSN sees bigger audience for CFL

TELEVISION Broadcaster TSN saw a six-per-cent rise in audiences for CFL games this season, the network said yesterday. This is the first season TSN had exclusive rights to the CFL. In past years CBC also showed games. This year's regular season average viewing for 72 CFL games was 393,000 compared to 371,000 last season. TSN will show the CFL playoffs and the Grey Cup game.

Iverson misses Toronto game

NBA Newly acquired Detroit Piston Allen Iverson wasn't in the line-up last night as Detroit played the Raptors in Toronto because the Denver Nuggets were still completing physicals on one of the players he was traded for, Chauncey Billups. The Pistons won regardless, 100-93.

New Hall of Famer Lewis goes back to his roots

Lennox Lewis has always been international. The former undisputed heavyweight champion spent his childhood in England, won gold for Canada in the 1988 Olympics and now lives in Miami.

Five years after retiring from the ring Lewis now thinks its time to rebuild amateur boxing in the place where his roots run the deepest.

Jamaica. Since springtime, Lewis, who was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame last night, has spent three months on the island

where his parents grew up, working with amateur boxing officials to rebuild the sport's infrastructure.

Lewis, 43, hopes to accomplish two goals in Jamaica.

First, he hopes to ensure that each of the island's 14 parishes is represented in the national boxing championships each year. And second, he wants to inspire the country's young people the same way sprinters like Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser have. “At one time there were (pros like) Mike McCallum and Shrimpy Clarke, but then there's

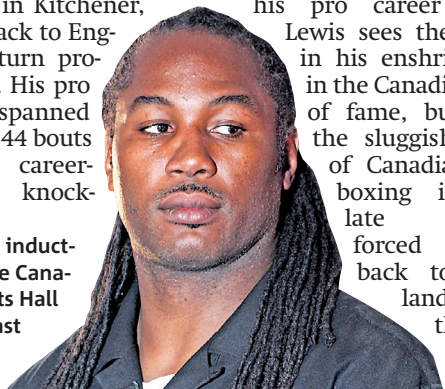
like a lost generation,” he says. “We've got the fastest man, fastest woman in the world. There's no reason why we can't have the best boxer.”

Lewis will become the 17th boxer to reach the hall, joining Tommy Burns, the only other Canadian fighter to win the heavyweight crown, and Toronto's George Chuvalo, who twice went the distance with Muhammad Ali.

He's one of seven Hall of Fame inductees who will be honoured. Other inductees include the 4x100 metre relay team that won gold at

the 1996 Olympics and longtime Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman. Nine months after winning Olympic gold, Lewis, who spent his adolescence in Kitchener, moved back to England to turn professional. His pro career spanned 14 years, 44 bouts and a career-defining knock-

Lewis was inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame last night.



out win over Mike Tyson, but included only one fight in Canada — a fifth-round knockout in his sixth pro bout.

After spending so little of his pro career here, Lewis sees the irony in his enshrinment in the Canadian hall of fame, but says the sluggish state of Canadian pro boxing in the late 1980s forced him back to England. In that aspect

Lewis likens himself to Wayne Gretzky — a national hero north of the border who gained international fame only when he conquered bigger markets abroad.

“He had to go away. To get to where he wanted to get to that's what he had to do,” Lewis said.

“I would have had to go to America anyway. I just chose England because I have roots there ... Even though my success story is coming from different countries it's everybody's success story.”

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Joseph gets final weekly offensive award

Toronto Argonauts quarterback Kerry Joseph was named CFL offensive player of the week yesterday after completing 25 of 38 passes for 307 yards in Toronto's 45-38 season-ending loss to the Saskatchewan Roughriders. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Anderson finally getting his due

In less than a week, Oilers legend **Glenn Anderson** will receive an honor that's long overdue. And when he is officially welcomed into the Hockey Hall of Fame, I'd love to seem him freak out the starched shirts in attendance with a speech as unpredictable and colorful as he was during his memorable career.

That Anderson was labeled a "space cadet" as a player because of his unconventional nature is more of a comment on the ultra-authoritative nature of those who govern the game than it is on the man himself.

In fact, when I spoke to

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Anderson for The Hockey News' Top 60 Since 1967 book (in which a panel of observers ranked him as the 55th best player in the post-expansion NHL) I found him to be personable, witty — and most importantly, worldly in a way that's extremely rare among any elite-level hockey player I've ever

dealt with.

That natural curiosity about topics other than hockey revealed itself in virtually every decision Anderson made.

Although he was drafted by Edmonton 69th overall in 1979, his primary goal initially wasn't to make the NHL, but rather, to play for his homeland in the Olympics and to travel as part of the Canadian Na-

tional team.

That decision didn't endear him to those hockey authorities who believe every player should have a singular focus on the game — at the expense of even cursory knowledge of the world around them — but Anderson was comfortable enough in his own skin that he stuck to his guns.

Even after all his success with the Oilers, Anderson

maintained his love for the international game, to the point he negotiated the option to play in the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics into his pro contract. The NHL ultimately denied him the opportunity, but couldn't stop him from using the game to see the world once his days in that league were done; he would go on to play in Germany, Finland, Italy and

Switzerland before retiring in 1997.

For all his brilliance scoring key goals in the NHL, Anderson didn't let it define him as a person. And when he sees his plaque put up in Toronto, it would be perfect to see him underscore his individualism one last time.

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NBA Just out of reach



Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett shoots over Oklahoma City Thunder forward Nick Collison in the first half of their NBA game in Oklahoma City last night. Boston won 96-83.

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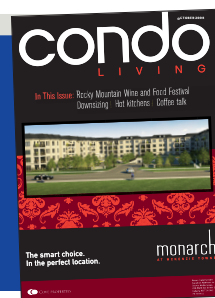
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Condo gardeners can go green, too

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Being a green gardener in a condo means more than having your plants' leaves the right colour. There are many ways to garden in an eco-friendly manner, even if your garden only consists of containers on the balcony or your indoor plants.

Some condo gardeners think that the scale of their gardening is small and that their going green would not have a large impact on the environment. If you factor in every con-

do garden and their pesticide use alone, for example, the impact is indeed a large one.

Anyone who gardens knows that insects can prove to be more than troublesome if not controlled.

Controlling insect pests is another area in gardening that now offers eco-friendly approaches to many problems that were previously dealt with solely through the use of man-made chemicals.

The time-honoured ways of controlling insects still

"There are many ways to garden in a more eco-friendly manner, even if your garden only consists of containers on the balcony or your indoor plants."

apply. If the pests are present in small numbers, picking them off by hand or spraying them off with a sharp stream of water are very good green tech-

niques. Setting out sticky traps is another alternative.

There are times when the invaders are in such large numbers that hand picking or other non-pesticide methods just won't work. You can try an insecticidal soap but usually in cases such as these a good choice is Doktor Doom Botanics. This pesticide is an environmentally friendly product. The Botanics spray is pyrethrin based. Pyrethrins are natural insecticides that are derived from Pyrethrum daisies. The spray is effective against many insects and is readily available in all the major garden centres.

Many condo gardeners lament the fact they have neither room nor the capability to produce their own compost.

Townhome owners can dedicate a corner of their yard to a small composter. But what about those condo owners with only a balcony? Vermicomposting is the answer. Just what is vermicomposting?

Red worms are put into a plastic bin with moist shredded newspaper, peat moss, brown leaves or straw. Food scraps like apple cores, vegetable peelings and coffee grounds are buried in the bedding.

The worms eat the scraps and produce a great compost that can be used to enrich the soil of your house plants and containers.

Vermicomposting is usually done indoors and is a great way for condo dwellers to compost. It is odourless and can be done in something as small as a



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It doesn't matter whether your garden consists of just a few balcony containers or your indoor plants — using eco-friendly methods in even the smallest garden can still have an impact.



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Vermicomposting uses worms to break down food scraps and is a great way for condo dwellers to compost.

Vermicomposting

Here are 10 easy steps for making worm compost:

- Materials needed: leaves, paper, red worms and dirt.
- A plastic tote is large enough.
- Just add shredded paper.
- A great way to cut down kitchen waste.

- Don't forget the dirt!
- Bury food for a better breakdown.
- Just a little water is needed to get started.
- And the key ingredient: red worms.
- Worms at work.
- You're composting!

plastic tote.

By producing and using your own compost you will eliminate the need for using manmade chemical fertilizers and your plants will love you for it. Plants love growing on compost. Another green idea for

condo owners is to use recycled containers to grow their plants in. Containers that may have been used for another purpose can make interesting and very useful plant containers.

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How do you know whether a trend's got staying power?

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Let's be frank. Some trends aren't functional, some are just plain ridiculous, and some won't work in the type of home you have. For example, an arching floor lamp in stainless steel may not work well in a traditionally decorated home.

Some people (like my dad) will repeat endlessly, "Why should I redecorate my house? It's just a way to create a market for new products when there's no need."

Well, yes. Some trends do encourage unnecessary consumption. And redecorating to keep up with the Joneses is not, in my view, a legitimate reason to consume. Sorry.

The problem arises in the definition of "need." Some people (like dear old dad) don't consider a threadbare sofa to be a decor problem. I may be my father's daughter in some ways, but I draw the line at the sofa. I've always believed that a change in

Home decor trends come and go, but how can you tell what's a stinker and what works? Well, there's no quick answer. But one thing is clear: The worst approach you can take is to run madly after the latest just because it is the latest.

For a start, what pleases your eye in home decor may not necessarily please other parts of your body, believe me. This is especially true in the area of furniture and functional accessories.

For example, a snazzy backless bar stool may look great in a magazine, but it will not encourage guests to linger around your kitchen, especially if their backs are no longer young and springy.

Or say you've shelled out for a cool new table lamp with a very unusual and exciting look.

But once you go to use it, oh my — finding the switch requires the dexterity of a mechanic changing the oil filter in the deep dark recesses of a Japanese car.

The bottom line is that you must try out the product. Turn switches off and on, sit on the chair, lie on the chaise. Even if you take off your shoes, you may have to endure the disapproving looks of the clerk, but you won't be sorry in the end.

There's nothing in this world that is more annoying than buying a gorgeous new chair, and discovering after bringing it home that the seating area is too snug for your behind.

As you try out furniture and other useful items for your home, you may reconsider and decide that you don't need the item. Which brings us to the thorny issue of what you "need" to have in your home anyway.

Let's be frank. Some trends aren't functional, some are just plain ridiculous, and some won't work in the type of home you have.

decor when things start looking tired or tatty can breathe new life into your surroundings.

While too much change serves no purpose, no change at all will turn you and your home into a relic — and you don't want that.

And change doesn't have to be expensive, if you concentrate on accessories such as throw pillows, vases, or picture frames.

Even a large clear bowl of bright fruit can serve as a pop of the season's hottest colour. New furniture in a hot colour, on the other hand, should be a more carefully considered decision. The colour could appear dated in a year and may start to grate on your nerves much earlier.

So adopt a trend in small ways, and decide in time how much of it you really want to incorporate into your home decor.

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Trim any bruised or damaged leaves. If the length is too much for your crisper drawer cut a few inches off the coarse tops. Loosely wrap leeks in a plastic bag for up to one week in the refrigerator. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

“Avoid limp leeks, as well as those with cracks or swollen bulbs or dried-out and faded leaves. Rounded bulb bottoms may indicate old age, so look for flat bottoms.”

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



Thickness

Choose leeks by the length of their whites and small to medium thickness, as really large leeks can be woody.

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Just give leeks a chance

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Often bypassed or relegated to the soup pot, leeks, the mild member of the onion family, resemble

overgrown green onions.

The fall and winter months are peak months for leeks. The white part, which grows underground, is more tender and adds a subtle and sweeter onion flavour. The green ends are usually cut off at the point where they separate from the bulb and are good in broths, stocks or soups. But too much of the dark green leaves can add a bit-

ter note.

Leeks, along with potatoes, are the key ingredients in the classic chilled soup, vichyssoise. But don't limit leeks to soup; try them in sauces, stir-frys, stews, casseroles, braised in butter, brushed with olive oil and grilled, or in this simple salad.

Leeks in Basil Vinaigrette with Asiago

This appetizer salad can be made about one hour before serving. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tsp (5 mL) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 mL) honey
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) white wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) olive oil
- 8 medium leeks
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small red pepper, diced
- Shaved slices Asiago cheese

METHOD:

In small bowl, whisk mustard, honey, vinegar, salt, basil and pepper. Slowly whisk in oil until smooth. Set aside.

Cut off root end and tough green tops of leeks, leaving about 1 inch (2.5 cm) of pale green. Cut in half lengthwise and wash well. Place in a wide saucepan; add garlic and just cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook until tender-crisp, about 2 minutes. Drain, chill under cold water. Drain well and place in shallow dish. Sprinkle red pepper over leeks, pour vinaigrette over all, gently shaking dish to coat. Let stand at room temperature up to 1 hour.

To serve, spoon leeks, red pepper and vinaigrette onto serving plates. Garnish each with Asiago cheese.

Tips:

- Storing: Trim any bruised or damaged leaves. Loosely wrap leeks in a plastic bag for up to one week in the refrigerator.
- Preparation: Trim off roots and any wilted green ends; remove outer layer. Dirt is often trapped between the leaves. To clean, cut in half lengthwise and rinse under cold water.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.



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1/4 cup sliced pitted black olives

Roasted Cherry Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups cherry tomatoes, halved (about 1 lb/500 g)
4 cloves garlic, sliced
3 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
2 tsp minced fresh rosemary
1/2 tsp salt
Pinch hot pepper flakes



METHOD:

Roasted Cherry Tomato Sauce: In 13- x 9-inch (3.5 L) metal cake pan, toss together tomatoes, garlic, oil, vinegar, rosemary, salt and hot pepper flakes.

Roast in 400°F (200°C) oven until shrivelled, about 25 minutes.

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta until dente, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and transfer to



large serving bowl.

Add tomato sauce and basil, tossing to combine. Sprinkle with goat cheese, olives, and more basil if desired.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional Info

1 Serving	
Protein:	14 grams
Fat:	15 grams
Carbohydrates:	72 grams
Fibre:	6 grams
Calories:	474

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Election night wardrobe

During Tuesday's night election Michelle Obama wore a striking red-and-black dress designed by Narciso Rodriguez. Meanwhile, president-elect Barack Obama wore a Hart Schaffner Marx dark-navy suit.

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Style



Fashion maven Ford's directing debut

Ginnifer Goodwin and Nicholas Hoult are about to make fashion designer Tom Ford less of "A Single Man." The pair join Colin Firth, Julianne Moore and Matthew Goode in Ford's directorial debut, an adaptation of Christopher Isherwood's 1964 novel. Goodwin is Mrs. Strunk, a suburban mom who doesn't share her husband's dislike of their neighbour, a gay professor (Firth). Hoult will play Kenny, a sexually ambiguous grad student who shows an unusual interest in the professor.

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Frontier fashion

Life on the ranch isn't a new concept for Hollywood, it's been the setting of many great plots. The following are a few that show off how chic frontier life can be.

- Australia (2008):** Starling Nicole Kidman, this epic film has Kidman's aristocrat character donning feminine neck scarves, oxford shirts, high-waisted trousers and the re-emerging freye boot trend.


- Appaloosa (2008):** Renée Zellweger plays a woman of mystery in this western that features the actress beautifully outfitted in tailored late 1800s embroidered jackets and long, flowing skirts.


- The Missing (2003):** Keeping warm from the New Mexico chill, protagonist Cate Blanchett dresses in long ponchos, fedoras, chunky belts, neck scarves and floor-length A-line skirts in this 19th century-based thriller.


- Cold Mountain (2003):** This American Civil War-era plot has Nicole Kidman and Renée Zellweger clad in long-sleeved floral gowns, bonnets, fedoras and collared-oxford shirts.



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Home on the range

New film Australia inspires a ranch-style wardrobe

ANN-MARIE COLACINO/METRO CANADA



ABOVE: Shirt dress, Tilley (tilley.com), \$149



Fringed scarf, Smart Set, \$15



LEFT: Fedora made of 100 per cent premium fur felt, Tilley (tilley.com), \$145



Gloves, Joe Fresh, \$24



Belts, left to right: leather, Esprit, 39.50, black plaque buckle belt, Payless, \$12.99, perforated and studded belt, Payless, \$12.99



LEFT: High-waisted trousers, H&M, \$59.90



ABOVE: Button Front Skirt, Tilley (tilley.com)\$119,



RIGHT: Printed blouse, Old Navy, \$34.50



LEFT: Leather Browns ID boots, \$398


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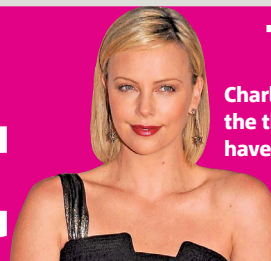
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Kirsten Dunst has launched an investigation of the U.S. voting system in a new documentary. Dunst has teamed up with filmmaker Jacob Soboroff to direct and produce the film, exploring why American voter participation lags behind turnout in most other countries. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

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The Tourist

Charlize Theron is in talks to join the thriller *The Tourist*. It will have Theron play a female agent on the hunt for an elusive ex-boyfriend, who becomes a wanted man. **IMDB.COM**

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Will.i.am

Will.i.am pens Obama tribute

MUSIC Rap star Will.i.am is releasing a new song and video to mark Barack Obama's win in the U.S. presidential election, BBC News Online reports.

The musician spent election night editing the final version of *It's A New Day*, which was set to make its Internet debut yesterday.

The Black Eyed Peas singer said the song was a tribute to the American people and their part in events.

Will.i.am scored a viral hit with *Yes We Can* earlier this year, in support of Obama's White House bid.

Gay group praises Grey's Anatomy

TV A leading gay rights group has praised bosses of hit TV show *Grey's Anatomy* for its recent lesbian plotline, despite the news that one of the gay characters is to be axed, **imdb.com** reports.

Brooke Smith plays cardiac surgeon Erica Hahn, who is romantically involved with Sara Ramirez's character Dr. Calliope "Callie" Torres. But it was recently announced that Smith has been dropped from the series.

Deftones bassist injured in crash

MUSIC The bass player with California rock band Deftones is in a coma after being involved in a car accident Monday in Santa Clara, Calif., Reuter reports.

Chi Cheng, 38, is in a "very serious" state, the paper quoted frontman Chino Moreno as saying. "I don't know everything that's going on — I just know it's very serious," Moreno told the *Sacramento Bee*. "Chi is one of the strongest people I know, and I'm praying that his strength will get him through this."

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Eagles of Death Metal

Album: Heart On
Label: MapleMusic/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

WHAT STARTED

OFF a side-project for Queens of the Stone Age front-man Josh Homme has quickly become a rock music force in its own right. The group, which features Homme on drums and childhood friend Jesse Hughes on vocals, has always been about one thing: Women. On their latest, the duo once again plays up their love of everything sex and girls, but while it might be offensive to some, it's mostly just fun. Throw in fuzzed out blues guitars, pounding beats and infectious vocals and you have yourself a must listen record.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



Heart On is the new album from Eagles of Death Metal.

The Cure

Album: 4:13
Label: Geffen/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THE CURE'S PROPENSITY

for dark, brooding tunes isn't as immediately apparent on their new disc 4:13. The record is filled with soaring pop choruses, slick, layered instrumentation and generally upbeat sounding vocals, making this more of a straight-up rock record than a classic Cure release. Saying that, the album is a solid effort that will easily compete with the young upstarts that have ripped off the band's sound. While it's nothing earth shattering, The Cure's 16th release is a great addition to their robust oeuvre.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



The Waking Eyes

Album: Holding On To Whatever It Is
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●●

THESE WIN- NIPEG POP

rockers got a lot of hype four years ago when



they were starting out, but we haven't heard much since. The lead single, *All Empires Fall*, sets a sound direction in guitar rock that will probably get them back on the radio, as will the utterly danceable *Clap Clap*. The band has a tad too much fun, however, planting unabashed nods among the tracks to favourite bands from the past like The Payolas, Queen and 10CC. Waking Eyes should be spending a little more time charting its own course.

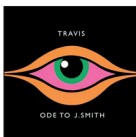
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Travis

Album: Ode To J Smith
Label: Red Telephone Box/Fontana North
Rating: ●●●●

BEFORE GIVING

WAY to the austere, gentle melancholia that Coldplay, Keane and Snow Patrol would adopt, Travis debuted as an edgier, guitar-driven slice of Britpop with a hit single in 1997's *All I Want To Do Is Rock*. Album No. 6 proceeds to do just that — whereby these



Scots revisit what made them tick early on. The nostalgic sound trip is certainly reinvigorating — although with more lyrical thought, this could have been a major contender to one-up the latest Oasis and Verve releases.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

Suzie McNeil

Album: Rock-n-Roller
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THIS SHOULD

BE the kind of music that never goes out of style. Power rock with a beautiful blond hitting all the right notes while teetering on a pair of heels that look like knitting needles. It worked for Sheryl Crow and Amanda Marshall. But it only works if you have something new and special to offer. Otherwise it just comes off as old, tired and clichéd. So what do we get from Suzie? Party invitations and



reminders that our dreams can move mountains. It all sounds so sterile ... so L.A. It belongs in a fern bar. And we're going to get really sick of that song, Believe, by the time the Olympics roll around.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Hinder

Album: Take It To The Limit
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●●

LIKE IT OR NOT, Hinder matters. There are always going to be young guys out there who like to drink to excess, admire the physical attributes of women and enjoy casual sex —

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preferably all in the same night. Bottoms up, boys — this is your soundtrack. Is there anything new here? Of course not. It's instantly forgettable, overwrought, hard rock with the occasional perfunctory power ballad.

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

Burton Cummings

Album: Above The Ground
Label: Sony/BMG
Rating: ●●●●

THERE WAS A point in Cummings' career when his voice almost parodied itself. Thankfully, his recent tours with Randy Bachman seem to have brought that annoying rock yodel under control. He's in fine voice for his first solo album of new material in almost 20 years. While the 19 unexceptional rockers on *Above The Ground* aren't going to win any new converts, old fans will find them more than acceptable.

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Beyoncé will perform at the MTV Europe Music Awards today.

MTV Europe show fires up

Liverpool hosts the MTV Europe Music Awards today, and U.S. stars Beyoncé and Kanye West will perform alongside British stalwarts Take That and Duffy.

MTV invites fans to decide all but one of the categories — Video Star — and in 2007 nearly 80 million votes were cast ahead of the event, one of pop's biggest nights outside the United States.

Although based in Europe, the awards tend to be dominated by big names in American music, and this year Beyoncé and West are expected to be joined on stage by compatriots The Killers, Kid Rock and Pink.

U.S. singer Katy Perry hosts the awards, and celebrity gossip columnist Perez Hilton will be causing mischief on the red carpet and backstage.

Three of the four most

more nods

- Several artists garnered two nominations apiece including Alicia Keys (Best Album, Ultimate Urban).
- Linkin Park and Metallica both appear in the Headliner and Rock Out categories, while troubled singer Amy Winehouse was nominated for the Act of 2008 award.

nominated acts are from Europe, however — Britain's Coldplay, Leona Lewis and Duffy are each nominated for three awards alongside American Britney Spears.

And former Beatle Paul McCartney will be presented with a one-off Ultimate Legend honour in his home city, although he is not expected to perform.

Spears, 26, is seeking to get her troubled personal

life back on track and plans to set the record straight about a public meltdown in a 90-minute documentary due to be aired on MTV on Nov. 30.

Spears has been nominated in the Act of 2008, Best Act Ever and Album of the Year categories. Her new record *Circus* is set for release on Dec. 2.

Coldplay, who topped the charts with their album *Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends*, have been named in the Album of the Year, Act of 2008 and Most Addictive Track categories for the single *Viva La Vida*.

Duffy is also in contention for best album (*Rockferry*) and addictive track (*Mercy*) as well as Best New Act. Lewis is nominated for best album (*Spirit*), Act of 2008 and Europe's Favourite Act.

REUTERS

In brief

DEATH Best-selling U.S. author Michael Crichton, who wrote such novels as *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park* and created the popular TV drama *ER*, has died unexpectedly of cancer at age 66, his family said on yesterday. Crichton, a medical doctor turned novelist and filmmaker whose books have sold more than 150 million copies worldwide, died on

Tuesday in Los Angeles after what his family described as a "courageous and private battle against cancer." **REUTERS**

SEQUEL *Mamma Mia!* composer Benny Andersson has shot down rumours he's working on a sequel to the movie adaptation of the hit stage show, *imdb.com* reports. The summer release has become a

major box office smash internationally. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

REUNION The Kinks singer Ray Davies has said the band are "three quarters of the way there" for a possible reunion, BBC News Online reports. Guitarist Dave Davies, his brother, suffered a stroke after collapsing in June 2004. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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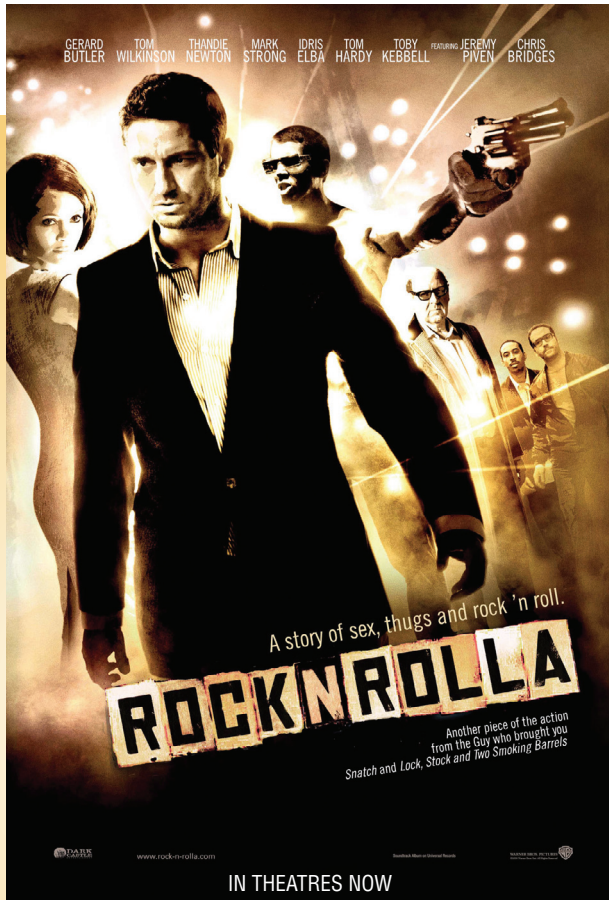


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Farewell to Frank

NewsAnalysis

Scott Taylor



Editor of Esprit de Corps

The sudden announcement last week that Frank had permanently expired hit me like the death of a close friend, or at least the passing of an old family pet. As Canada's only national satirical publication, Frank magazine has been a guilty pleasure for news junkies since 1989. It was at that juncture that Michael Bate came on board as senior editor, to expand what had begun as a local Halifax lampoon digest into a full blown mockery machine aimed directly at the Canadian social elite.

Frank made no pretension to comfort the afflicted, and they didn't just afflict the comfortable, they essentially tore them a new one at every opportunity. During its 19 years in publi-

cation, it was undoubtedly the most powerful media outlet on Parliament Hill. No one in officialdom ever admitted to reading Frank, and the damning revelations unearthed in its pages were contemptuously dismissed by those targetted as being yellow journalism, half truths, and slanderous innuendo. Nevertheless, government researchers and executive assistants were dispatched surreptitiously every second Tuesday to newsstands.

The Frank team was only staffed by a couple of writers, but their sources extended far and wide. Many members of the Press Gallery knew they could float rumours in Frank, protect their sources, and then use Access to Information to acquire the official briefing notes prepared in response to the original article. The fact that Frank served as a conduit for whistleblowers inside the Public Service, and hence as a beacon for mainstream media outlets to uncover potential scandals was reason enough for the ruling elite to fear its existence.

However, what really made the chattering class tremble was the sophomoric manner in which Frank pilloried them. It was truly brilliant, at times gut-busting humour based on their own brand of Frank-speak. (For instance, stock phrases such as horizontal mambo, avid pianist and wind therapy to describe specific sexual infidelities).

Frank survived a number of lawsuits, and a couple of ownership changes during its lifespan, but Michael Bate, who sold the publication in 2003, then took control again in 2005 has finally decided to call it quits. With readership down to the current low of just 5,000 copies per edition, Bate said he had no choice but to cease publication. "I just could not foresee us turning the corner back into profitability, and the financial backers were not prepared to invest any more money" he said.

Frank will be both mourned and missed.

Scott Taylor is the Ottawa-based publisher/editor of Esprit de Corps, a columnist, and author of six best-sellers including Among the 'Others': The Forgotten Turkmen of Iraq.

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Blonsky befriends Betty

Hairspray star Nikki Blonsky has been handed an early 20th birthday treat — a starring guest role on the hit TV show Ugly Betty. The actress, who turns 20 this weekend, will play an assistant at fashion bible Elle, who befriends the show's title character.

IMDB.COM

'Soft news' soft on Obama

IntelleVision



YOU DON'T SAY: "Ellen DeGeneres and Joy Behar aren't going to swing the election," writes Howard Kurtz in the Washington Post, to which most of us will mutter a silent prayer of thanks. "But in an age when candidates have to sell themselves as personalities, not just policymakers, the climate has been far more hospitable for Obama."

Even if you were completely "in the tank" for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama — the phrase is the prime contribution made by the 2008 U.S. election to our shared vocabulary — it would be hard to deny either half of Kurtz's verdict: that "soft news" and entertainment shows have become as important (if not more important) than hard news programs in the



The View's co-hosts, from left, are Elisabeth Hasselbeck, Whoopi Goldberg, Barbara Walters and Joy Behar.

election cycle, and that they were, almost without exception, unashamed of their obvious bias toward the Democrat candidate.

This observation has been a staple of discussions in the world of blogs and online media, but you can't help but wonder why the Post's influential media columnist waited until the day before the election to fess up and agree. "Ellen DeGeneres, David Letterman and panelists on The

View all confronted McCain," wrote Kurtz, "while Obama has basically joked and danced his way through such appearances, including a Daily Show stint last week in which Jon Stewart asked him about 'the whole socialism/Marxist thing.' If anyone doubts there is a liberal entertainment establishment, it has been vividly on display."

Obama ceased to be an underdog candidate

months ago, and now that he's on his way to the White House, shouldn't the satirists and "speak truth to power" professionals be recalibrating their sights and prepping the new target? Well, maybe.

"The media is kind of madly in love with Obama," Saturday Night Live writer James Downey is quoted as saying in a Salon.com piece, adding that he's "such a smooth char-

acter that he doesn't give you many handles." Comedian Will Durst agreed, saying, "If I try doing race jokes about Obama you can hear the sphincters tighten up faster than lug nuts on a '57 Ford."

Some members of the "satirical-industrial complex" — as it was dubbed by Jon Stewart — might secretly have been hoping for a McCain victory, and Durst admitted that Sarah Palin was regarded as "methadone" for comics and writers about to be deprived of material with the end of the Bush presidency.

With Tina Fey hanging up her red power suit and bouffant wig, writes Salon, "an Obama era almost certainly promises to be less funny," a deficit that probably indicates a lack of will as much as material.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Selleck to star in Jesse Stone flick

MOVIE CBS has started production on a sixth installment in its Jesse Stone movie franchise, starring Tom Selleck as a small-town police chief.

Jesse Stone: No Remorse will find Jesse (Selleck) investigating a series of murders in Boston. Production is underway in Halifax, ahead of the premiere of the fifth adaptation of the book series by Robert B. Parker. Air dates for both are yet to be determined, but Jesse Stone has been a solid ratings draw for the network.

Selleck co-wrote the script and will executive produce.

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Winehouse's husband released

JAIL Blake Fielder-Civil, husband of British singer Amy Winehouse, was released from prison yesterday after spending about a year behind bars for attacking a pub landlord in 2006 and then trying to cover it up.

The former video assistant, who married Winehouse in Miami in 2007, was sentenced to 27 months in prison in July. Lawyers explained at the time that he would have to serve about half that time, and had already been in jail for nine months when the sentence was passed.

A record industry source said he understood Fielder-Civil would have to check straight into a rehabilitation clinic under the terms of his release. Fielder-Civil's lawyer told a court in July that his client was addicted to drugs and was determined to recover.

Winehouse is behind the hit album Back to Black and landed five Grammy awards earlier in the year, but her career has been overshadowed by a battle against drug addiction and bouts of illness.

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critics' corner

My Name Is Earl

Time for a reshuffling of Earl's (Jason Lee) list. One particular item becomes a matter of life and death and jumps to the top when a mysterious man moves next door to Earl and Randy (Ethan Suplee). Joy (Jaime Pressly) has her eyes on a prize — a monetary award in a science fair — in the new episode "Sold a Guy a Lemon Car." 8 PM on CHTV



Famous Monster

Think of the most rabid sci-fi geek you've ever met. Forrest J. Ackerman, the subject of this special, has that person beat in both intensity and longevity. A sci-fi fan since the 1920s, he founded and edited the fan magazine Famous Monsters of Filmland, was the first to attend a sci-fi convention in costume, and is credited as an inspiration by writers and moviemakers from Ray Bradbury to John Landis, many of whom share their thoughts about Ackerman here. 8 PM on SPACE



Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe is enjoying his run in Broadway play Equus — because he can go unrecognized in the busy New York streets. IMDB.COM

Radcliffe loving big-city life

Celebrity Buzz

HELLO! **Hot shot of the week**



PETER BRIGG/HELLO! CANADA

eTalk and Canadian Idol host Ben Mulroney, 32, marries stylist Jessica Brownstein, 29, in an Oct. 30 ceremony at Montreal's St. Patrick's Basilica. Mulroney had harboured a secret crush on Brownstein for 10 years and finally plucked up courage to ask her out 18 months ago. He says his blueprint for marriage was supplied by his parents, former prime minister Brian Mulroney and wife Mila, above. "They rallied around each other and made each other stronger," he tells HELLO! Canada, which covered the wedding exclusively.

HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands — read more at hellomagazine.ca

Emma Watson's got drama in life

DATING Harry Potter star Emma Watson is dating a drama student, according to reports.

The 18-year-old actress is said to have met Angus Willoughby, 19, while studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, imdb.com reports. The pair is now said to be planning a trip to Willoughby's hometown of Perth, Australia, according to the Daily Telegraph.

Watson was previously linked to another drama student.

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Hathaway's new man named

DATING The identity of Anne Hathaway's new boyfriend has been revealed — he's actor Adam Shulman, imdb.com reports.

The 26-year-old actress last month said she had found love again, five months after splitting from her jailed boyfriend of four years, Raffaello Follieri.

She refused to reveal his name, but the new couple have been caught together enjoying a break in New Orleans, where Hathaway is

promoting her new movie Rachel Getting Married.

Shulman, 27, the former star of the TV series American Dreams, confessed to Life + Style magazine: "We met through mutual friends," he said.

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Angelina a punk at heart

LIFE Knives, bisexual romances, tattoos. Despite being a mother of six, Angelina Jolie says her rebellious past still remains a part of who she is, usmagazine.com reports.

"I don't walk around

feeling I need to apologize or explain myself," the 33-year-old actress tells December's Harper's Bazaar in an interview. "I am still, at heart — and always will be — just a punk kid with tattoos."

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Nip/tuck for Moore? Maybe

SURGERY Julianne Moore would consider having plastic surgery, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress insists she would not rule out having a nip and tuck operation when she is older.

"I never say never," she says.

However, Moore voiced her concerns about celebrities who take cosmetic procedures to the extreme, likening it to the ancient Chinese ritual of foot-binding.

"At what point did they decide that small feet were more beautiful? People started making them smaller and smaller until they were stumps and not beautiful at all," Moore told Tatler magazine.

"I feel we have decided that being expressionless and young looking is the most beautiful thing and, in pursuit of that, it becomes more and more exaggerated and totally obliterates what we look like."

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Next wedding will be the last, Simpson says

RELATIONSHIPS With her relationship with football player Tony Romo approaching the one-year mark, Jessica Simpson is gaining some perspective on her life and loves, People.com reports.

"I'd always fall for guys I wanted to save," the singer, 28, tells Cosmopolitan for its December issue (on sale Nov. 11). "For the first time, I fell in love with someone who saved me."

As for where the road with Romo, also 28, may take her, Simpson says, "I think any person who I'm going to date for longer than six months, I definitely am investing in something long term. "If I get married again, then it will be the last time."

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No women for Simon

DATING American Idol judge Simon Cowell says he's "off women," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Cowell has vowed to stay away from the opposite sex after splitting with girlfriend Terri Seymour after six years together.

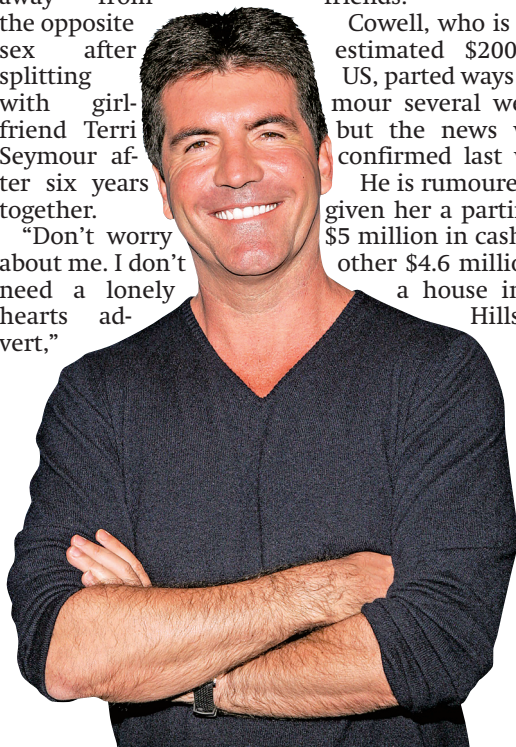
"Don't worry about me. I don't need a lonely hearts advert,"

Cowell told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper. "I'm off women now. But everything's fine between me and Terri, we're still friends."

Cowell, who is worth an estimated \$200 million US, parted ways with Seymour several weeks ago, but the news was only confirmed last weekend.

He is rumoured to have given her a parting gift of \$5 million in cash, and another \$4.6 million to buy a house in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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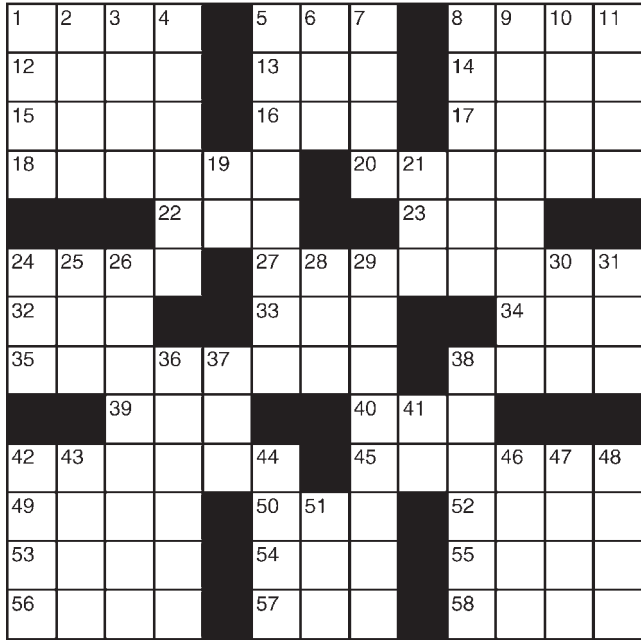
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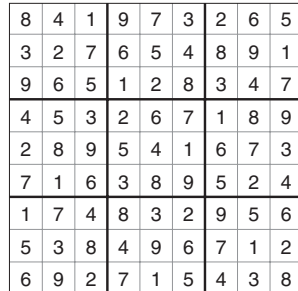
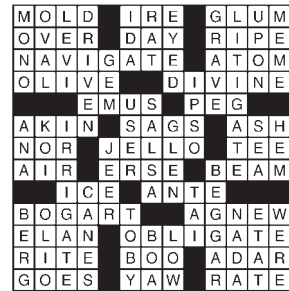
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| 1 Prospector's hope | 34 Heady quaff |
| 5 Tie up the phone | 35 Bliss |
| 8 Distort | 38 Sailors' hoosegow |
| 12 Eye layer | 39 Listener |
| 13 Have bills | 40 "CSI" evidence |
| 14 Tower city | 42 Balance |
| 15 Stationer's quantity | 45 Sent packing, at a talent show |
| 16 "— the ramparts ..." | 49 Bakery buys |
| 17 "Meet Me — Louis" | 50 2008 Texas hurricane |
| 18 Like debts | 52 "— want for Christmas" |
| 20 Thingie | 53 Caspian feeder |
| 22 Pigs' digs | 54 Meadow |
| 23 Solidify | 55 Subject, usually |
| 24 Harbor structure | 56 Withered |
| 27 Airy | 57 Pitch |
| 32 George's brother | 58 Competent |
| 33 Exist | |

Crossword down

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| 1 Mentor | with De Niro in 1991 |
| 2 Microwave, e.g. | 28 Numerical prefix |
| 3 Bound | 29 Millinery |
| 4 Grayish red | 30 "The Greatest" |
| 5 Tire company | 31 Journey segment |
| 6 Idolater's feeling | 36 Big bother |
| 7 Opera composer Alban | 37 Raw rock |
| 8 Arachnophobe's worry | 38 Split need |
| 9 Mad monarch of drama | 41 "Fuhgeddaboutit!" |
| 10 Being, to Brutus | 42 Comic strip penguin |
| 11 Power measure | 43 Pink-slip |
| 19 Tagged player | 44 Pinball no-no |
| 21 Time of your life? | 46 Amorphous mass |
| 24 Conk out | 47 Hebrew month |
| 25 Tulsa sch. | 48 Eat in style |
| 26 1962 Peck movie remade | 51 Mauna — |

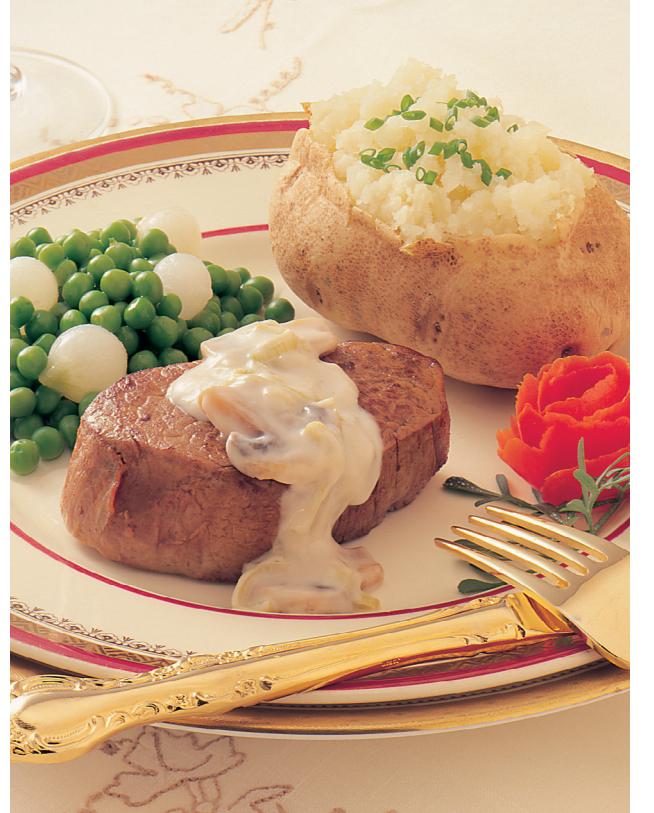
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Recipe of the day



Melt-in-your-mouth Filets with Mushroom Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 4 beef tenderloin steaks or 2 top loin steaks, 1 inch (2.5 cm) thick, trimmed
- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) sliced fresh mushrooms
- ½ cup (125 mL) sliced leek
- ½ cup (125 mL) dry white wine or low-sodium chicken broth
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 mL) each salt and black pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

METHOD:

- Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add

steaks. Lower heat to medium and cook until medium-rare or to taste, turning often. Transfer to a platter and cover with foil.

- For sauce, add the mushrooms, leek, wine, salt and pepper to drippings in skillet. Bring to boil, then lower heat and simmer, uncovered, until mushrooms are tender.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Watch out for the tricks played by a friend. A childish quarrel is not your problem. Suspicious minds will disappoint you.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Money will be found by searching. Make a quick escape from a miserable fool. The facts of life will cause people to flock around you.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An outrageous adventure can dispel anxiety. An old friend won't help if things aren't running properly. An obnoxious person gives in to oncoming love.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Someone's bad luck is not your fault. A scary episode concerns misuse of power. You'll get upset over a woman's lack of loyalty.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do a daring deed for a friend. A gossip session becomes unusual. Someone will be asked to leave.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is no time to show up unannounced. Job stress will be noticeable. Make up your own mind about unmanageable feelings.



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A kiss will change your mind about someone. You're amused by essential advice. Don't irritate anyone by telling the truth.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Trust your instincts when an encounter baffles you. A cruel monster drives you wild with desire. Disapproval humiliates an insecure woman.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Get ready for an admirer's warped sense of humour. Bad manners won't be boring. Unexpected good cheer causes a reconciliation.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A mirthful loser has some plans. The boss expects more positive attention. Someone's creativity will give you a thrill.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A dynamic interaction strikes like lightning. Phenomenal good fortune is shared with you. Your tactfulness will have an amazing effect.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
A gift arrives from a man who refuses to respect boundaries. A woman will try to catch up on lost sleep. You'll have unusual luck.



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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Not many sketched (1)
- Vended precious metal or medal (1)
- Crone's pennants (1)
- Those people's rocker or recliner (1)
- Little Big Horn General believer (2)
- Egyptian monument diminishes in size (1)
- "Jurassic Park" author Michael's Tennessee team (2)

ANSWERS: 1. FEW DREW 2. SOLD GOLD 3. HAGS FLAGS 4. THEIR CHAIR 5. CUSTER TRUSTER 6. SPHINX SHRINKS 7. CRITCHONS TITANS

11-6-08

This day in history

NOV. 6, 1944: Plutonium is first produced at the Hanford Atomic Facility, subsequently used in the Fat Man Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

NOV. 6, 1962: Apartheid: The United Nations General Assembly passes a resolution condemning South Africa's racist apartheid policies and calls for all UN member states to cease military and economic relations with the nation.

NOV. 6, 1985: "Irangate" scandal: The American press reveals that U.S. President Ronald Reagan had authorized the shipment of arms to Iran.

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